

Sinclair Broadcasting's startling plans to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor", days before the election is anything but honorable.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies consolidate and control the airwaves, we get what's good for their political choices and their bottom line, not what we need for an informed democracy to function. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.